2. Correspondence end[illegible]er No. L. D. S. 1224-25, dated the 27th January 1926, from the Deputy Comm[illegible]ssan District, regarding the grant of khasa hara and other privileges to Mr. M[illegible]ramiah, Coffee Planter, Saklespur, on the ground that he has been a member of [illegible]ntative Assembly for a period of over 20 years.

ORDER No. G. 7257-[illegible]. 73-25-3, DATED 11TH MARCH 1926.

His Highness the Maharaja[illegible] pleased to direct that Mr. Malali Venkatramiah, of Saklespur be included in Clas[illegible] art II of the Precedence List and be entitled to khasa hara at Durbars.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Statemen[illegible] Cattle Mortality.

READ—

Government Order No. I. C. 2085-9[illegible]—Stcs. 14-25-2, dated 26th September 1925, reviewing the statement of cattle mortalit[illegible] in the State for the half-year ending 31st December 1924.

2. Correspondence ending with lett[illegible]r No. P. 9—25-26, dated 20th February 1926, from the Offg. Director of Agriculture i[illegible]n Mysore, resubmitting the statement of cattle mortality for the year 1924-25 duly correc[illegible]ted, with his review thereon.

(Director's Review and [illegible]tatement printed as annexures.)

ORDER No. I. C. 6361-70—STCS. 14-25-6, DATED 12TH MARCH 1926.

Recorded.

2. There has been a delay of more th[illegible]an 4 months in the submission of the return, which should have been avoided.

3. Government observe that the total mortality for the year is less than that for the previous year. But rinderpest which "had nearly been stamped out of the State" during the half-year ending 31st December 1924, broke out in certain Districts in a very severe form and in spite of timely preventive mea[illegible]sures undertaken to check the spread of the disease, 12,198 animals died of it as against 2,587 in 1923-24.

4. The Director in his review observes that there has not been much improvement in the submission of the cattle mortality re[illegible]turns to Taluk offices. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue necessary inst[illegible]ructions in the matter.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Governments,
Medical and Agricultural Departments.

Facilities to the Members of [illegible]he Legislative Council and the Representat[illegible]ve Assembly.

ORDER No. REL. 314-85—R. A. 2[illegible]-25-1, DATED 13TH MARCH 1926.

The question what facilities should be given to the Members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly has for some time past been engaging the attention of Government. Prior to the Re[illegible]forms, Members of the Legislative Council were drawing travelling and halting allow[illegible]ances and they were also being supplied with certain Government publications. Memb[illegible]ers of the Representative Assembly, on the other hand, drew no travelling allowances but were in receipt of lavajama in lieu of halting allowances. As a matter of co[illegible]nvenience, Government used also to make arrangements for the accommodation of ab[illegible]out 100 members at Mysore during the meetings of the Assembly.

2. At the request of Government, th[illegible]e Reforms Committee constituted in Government Order No. 2034-2093—C. B. 103-22 dated 18th October 1922, considered whether any change was called for in respect o[illegible] the matters referred to above and generally in respect of the facilities to be given to M[illegible]embers of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. While making n[illegible] proposals with regard to the Members of the Legislative Council, the Committee re[illegible]ommended certain changes in respect of the Members of the Representative Assembly [illegible]he most important of which was the abolition of lavajama and the grant of travelli[illegible]ng and halting allowances in lieu of it.

3. These proposals were accepted by Government in their Order No. 1024-83—Reforms 29-22-2, dated 12th November 1923. In view, however, of certain representations received by Government, they appointed a Committee consisting of official representatives and representatives of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly to go into the whole question of the facilities to be given to the members of the two Houses and submit suitable proposals. The Committee met on Tuesday the 16th September 1924 and submitted a report in which they made the following suggestions:—

(1) Construction of a building at Bangalore capable of accommodating 8 visitors, to be ordinarily used as a first class travellers' bungalow but to be reserved for Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council whenever they come to Bangalore on work connected with these bodies;

(2) Construction at Mysore of a block of buildings containing about 50 rooms with kitchens and other appurtenances capable of accommodating 100 Members of the Representative Assembly;

(3) Abolition of the supply of free refreshments to the Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council;

(4) Supply of certain Government publications to the members of both the Houses; and

(5) Provision of a suitable library and retiring rooms.

4. Before passing their orders in the matter, Government considered that the opinion of the Representative Assembly would be useful to them in coming to a decision on the subject and they accordingly brought it up for consideration at the last Budget Session of the Representative Assesmbly. The matter was thoroughly discussed and several suggestions were made to Government, of which the principal ones may be briefly summarised as follows:—

(1) Construction of buildings at Mysore and Bangalore for the accommodation of the Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council;

(2) Provision of a reading room and library and retiring rooms in the Public Offices, Bangalore; and

(3) Construction of suitable halls for holding the meetings of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

5. Government have given the matter their careful consideration and have come to the following decisions:—

(*a*) *Accommodation.*—In view of the fact that the number of persons coming to Bangalore in connection with the meetings of the Legislative Council is not large, and ample accommodation is ordinarily available at Bangalore, Government do not consider it necessary for the present, to construct a separate building for the use of the Members of the Legislative Council.

As regards accommodation at Mysore for the Members of the Representative Assembly, Government consider that some addition to the facilities now existing is called for. They are accordingly pleased to direct that a building for the use of the Representative Assembly Members should be constructed at Mysore similar in general design to the Representatives' Home. It should contain 20 to 25 rooms capable of accommodating about 50 members at a time. The rooms should be furnished with the necessary furniture and Government will levy a suitable rent not exceeding Re. 1 per day per member. Detailed plans and estimates should be prepared at once by the Public Works Department and submitted to Government for sanction.

(*b*) *Supply of Lunch.*—The free supply of lunch was one of the points referred to the Representative Assembly, but as opinion was divided Government are pleased to direct that, pending further consideration, refreshments will continue to be supplied free as at present. Steps should be taken, however, to keep down expenditure as far as possible.

(*c*) *Library and Retiring Rooms.*—The library attached to the General and Revenue Secretariat will be placed at the disposal of the Members of the Representative Assembly, Legislative Council, and Economic Conference. It should be furnished so as to serve as a retiring room for the Members of the Legislative Council during the meetings of the Council. Immediate steps should be taken to equip the library with a complete and up-to-date collection of all Government publications such as State administration reports, reports of departments, copies of the Gazette and the like.

Government are also pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 3,000 during the current year for the purchase of books relating to matters of administrative, political, judicial and economic importance and subject to financial considerations they will make an annual allotment for the purchase of similar books. A Committee consisting of the Inspector-General of Education, the Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, the Secretary to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, and Messrs. G. Paramasiviah, M. Ramachandra Rao, B. Narasinga Rao and Mahomed Abbas Khan will draw up a list of books to be purchased for the library.

(*d*) *Travelling Allowances.*—The grant of travelling and halting allowances will continue to be regulated by the orders now in force.

(*e*) *Buildings.*—Government accept the opinion, that it is desirable to provide suitable buildings for the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly. Plans and estimates for a Legislative Council Hall in the Public Offices at Bangalore and for the construction of a combined Representative Assembly Hall and Senate House at Mysore have already been approved by Government, but for want of funds, Government have not been able so far to proceed further in the matter.

They are of opinion that the provision of a Hall for the Legislative Council is not so urgent as that of a Hall for the Representative Assembly. They direct that the grants during the current year in the Public Works Department should be carefully examined and, if by slight adjustments, it is found possible to release about Rs. 50,000, the Government will be prepared to order the commencement of the work.

(*f*) *Supply of Government Publications.*—Government consider that the existing orders on the supply of Government publications to the Members of the Representative Assemby and the Legislative Council are satisfactory and need no change.

6. The Chief Secretary is requested to take steps for the equipment of the library as indicated in paragraph 5 (c) above.

7. The Secretary, Representative Assembly, is requested to suggest means for reducing the expenditure incurred on lunch.

8. The Chief Engineer is requested to take immediate steps for the preparation of the plans and estimates called for in paragraph 5 (*a*) above, and also to report what re-adjustments are possible in the sanctioned grants of the Public Works Department with a view to enable Government to pass final orders on the question of sanctioning the construction of a Hall designed to meet the requirements of the Mysore University and the Representative Assembly.

R. RANGA RAO,
Ex-officio *Secretary to Government, Representative Assembly, Legislative Council and Economic Conference.*

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Refunds and Remissions.

READ—

Subject No. 3 of the Representative Assembly of June 1925, in the matter of empowering Amildars to sanction refunds up to Rs. 50 of the amounts recovered in the sales held in the Revenue Department when they are set aside.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 1525—25-26, dated the 18th December 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that the powers of refunds and remissions of the Sub-Division Officers and the Amildars may be enlarged and submitting proposals in this behalf.

ORDER No. R. 4314-6—L. R. 149-24-87, DATED 26TH FEBRUARY—6TH MARCH 1926.

The question of empowering Amildars to sanction the grant of refunds, within certain limits, so as to avoid delay, in obtaining refunds, is being pressed on the attention of Government by the Representative Assembly Members for some years past. In Government Order No. R. 1781-90—L. R. 320-20-78, dated the 16th October 1923, the Amildars were empowered to sanction refunds of land revenue overpaid up to Rs. 25, the Sub-Division Officers being authorised to exercise powers